

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT Attachment 3.1-C
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State of TEXAS

STANDARDS AND METHODS OF ASSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE

1. The state law under which Title XIX operates requires that the State agency establish and provide such methods of administration as may be necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the program.
2. Other state laws prohibit any payment to providers of service except those approved by State Standard-Setting Authorities.
3. There are State regulations requiring that only those practitioners holding a valid license in their own discipline may be authorized to treat recipients of any established program of the agency.
4. The State agency has established a Medical Care Advisory Committee. Advice is sought from this Committee in the matter of devising methods and standards for insuring high quality medical care.
5. The State agency enters into cooperative agreements with other State agencies as required by law or as may be deemed expedient by this agency. These agreements pursue the purpose of insuring high quality medical care for all of the recipients served by this agency and specifically for the recipients served under the provisions of Title XIX.
6. To assure sufficient incentive among providers of medical services, the following principles are applied:
 - a. A system of fees for medical services are established under a criteria of usual and customary fees, charges and rates.
 - b. A system of fees for other medical assistance is based on usual and customary fees, charges and rates. It is provided however, that if such payments are otherwise limited by Federal law, then, these fees shall be as near the usual and customary fees, charges and rates as may be permitted by law.
7. The State agency will provide no less in scope than the minimum required by Federal law for all eligible individuals.

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